

Letter from the Chair

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Having celebrated our 25th anniversary last year, we enter this season clearly focused on our mission to accomplish land conservation and historic preservation in 'Sconset. As a helpful reference for members, our newsletter will regularly contain the Trust's mission statement along with a list and map of our 15 properties, totaling 85 acres, and two preservation easements. The properties have been either acquired or donated.



Our goal is to add more properties to our holdings, particularly while market conditions and pricing are soft due to the weak economy. We encourage our members and friends to consider donating land to the Trust. Eight of our 15 properties were donated to the Trust by loyal and generous members. We plan to continue to grow our holdings through both acquisitions and land donations. Preservation efforts will also continue, particularly with a focus on commercial properties in the village, in order to maintain its charm and unique character.

In our Fall newsletter, we asked for your support to help us reach our budgeted revenues for 2009. Your response was strong and we reached our goal. We deeply appreciate the membership's loyalty and contributions.

The Trust's mission and operations are as vital as ever. We ask for your continued support as a member in 2010, and we thank our members who have already made annual gifts.

Finally, a number of exciting events are planned again this season, featuring a **Night Under the Light** on July 18 which is highlighted inside. Please mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you this season in the community and at Trust events.

'Sconset Trust Mission Statement

The Trust's mission is to protect the unique character of 'Sconset Village through conservation and preservation of areas of open land and structures of historic and/or architectural significance in and around the village.

LORAN System Decommissioned

The LORAN navigational system, operated by the U.S. Coast Guard under the Department of Homeland Security, was shut down on April 1, but a few stations, such as the Low Beach, 'Sconset installation, that serve New England and Canada under a US/Canadian bilateral agreement, are under a long-term treaty which requires the signal be maintained into the future. The US State Department is working on this matter, but a conclusion to the treaty is not expected until Fall 2010, at the soonest.

The Providence office of the USCG has oversight for the Nantucket LORAN installation. Nationally, the LORAN system is run by the Support, Infrastructure and Logistics Command in CA, and any divestiture decision will probably be made at Washington, DC HQ.

The USCG will likely keep the housing for the Brant Point station crew. In the event the USCG decides to divest the property, a number of federal acts and regulations come into play including EPA, endangered species/fauna and archeological regulations. In addition, wetlands and flood plain issues will influence future uses of the land.



It is the Trust's hope that some, if not all, of the land not currently built on will be retired to conservation. The Trust is providing the USCG with a letter of interest. In addition, the Trust is working with other island conservation groups and the Nantucket Town Manager.

We plan to convene residents of the Low Beach area this summer to review next steps in the process. We will keep you posted with updates periodically.

—Submitted by Bob Felch



A NIGHT under the LIGHT Sunday, July 18, 2010

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'Sconset News



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Land Report

The top priorities for the Land Committee continue to be tracking the 120-acre Coffin property and the 190 acre LORAN Station, which are the two largest undeveloped parcels in 'Sconset and two of the three largest sites with development potential on Nantucket. A Loran update is featured herein.

We have engaged professionals to study development potential on the Coffin land, and we are actively discussing a transaction with stakeholders. It is a complicated situation due to its size, pricing, capital requirements, development issues, and the objectives of various stakeholders. The membership will be informed of our activities in the event of any progress.

In addition to Coffin and Loran, the Land Committee currently continues to track other properties in 'Sconset with development potential. However, we are reserving our capital for potential needs on Coffin or LORAN since both properties are in play and sales are possibilities. Either transaction may require additional fundraising efforts depending on its size.

Bob Felch has regular communications with the executive directors of the other land conservation groups—the Land Bank, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, and the Nantucket Land Council on island-wide land matters. The Trust works collaboratively on land conservation with all of these groups and keeps informed through these efforts. In addition, there are communications with Town officials as needed, particularly regarding LORAN.



From the Executive Director

Robert D. Felch | info@sconsettrust.org

Hello from the 'Sconset Trust office, now located at 16A Amelia Drive; we're slowly migrating closer to 'Sconset. This is a busy time of year as we plan all sorts of educational, social and fund raising events for Summer 2010. Throughout this publication you will read about these events but the calendar is the best place to look. Why not post it on the fridge?

Our work over the winter has been focused on researching and coordinating the Coffin and LORAN land evaluations in support of our Land Committee and working on a myriad of preservation initiatives in support of the Preservation Committee. In case you missed it, Kathy Arvay is looking for preservation-minded souls to join her committee as we work to preserve the look and feel of 'Sconset for the enjoyment of future generations, not to mention you and me. Of course, Sankaty Head Lighthouse is a treasure that the Trust continues to nurture. Visit the site and see our

new interpretive signs with special thanks to the design and editing team of Caroline Ellis, Penny Scheerer, Rob Benchley and Eileen Powers, our graphics specialist. The new fencing has been installed to keep the climbers away from the bluff edge. As a year-round 'Sconset resident, I am able to visit the lighthouse grounds at least once a week throughout the year. I hope you are as pleased as I am with the beauty and serenity of the place.

Please feel free to contact me at the Trust office (508) 228-9917 or at home (508) 257-4348 with your input and thoughts about what the Trust can do better and what we are doing well.



Summer Schedule



July 3, Saturday, 10:30 AM	'Sconset 4th of July Fun Day at Chapel
July 5, Monday, 8:30 AM	'Sconset Bird Walk with Bob Kennedy
July 5, Monday, 7:00 PM	'Sconset Civic Association July Meeting - Casino
July 6, Tuesday	On the Isle: Puppet Workshop for Kids starts
July 8, Thursday	Great Point and Sankaty Tours
July 9, Friday, 5:00 PM	Trust Annual Meeting, election of new board members at Casino
July 12, Monday, 8:30 AM	'Sconset Geology Walk with Bob Kennedy
July 16, Friday, 4:00 PM	'Sconset Architectural Walk with Michael May, executive director of the Nantucket Preservation Trust
July 17, Saturday, 11:00 AM	Young Associates Lighthouse Tour and social gathering
July 18, Sunday, 6:30 PM	A Night under the Light, Sankaty Head Golf Club
July 19, Monday, 8:30 AM	Invasive/Native Plant Species Walk with Bob Kennedy
July 22, Thursday	Great Point and Sankaty Tours
July 22, Thursday	On the Isle productions
July 23, Friday	On the Isle productions
July 24, Saturday	On the Isle productions
July 31, Saturday, 10:30 AM	Myrick Howard, Preservation Lecture, sponsored by 'Sconset Trust
August 2, Monday, 8:30 AM	'Sconset Bird Walk with Bob Kennedy
August 2, Monday, 6:00 PM	'Sconset Civic Association Annual Meeting/Cookout
August 5, Thursday	Great Point and Sankaty Tours
August 9, Monday, 8:30 AM	'Sconset Geology Walk with Bob Kennedy
August 12, Thursday 6-8 PM	Annual 'Sconset Trust Patrons' Party at the home of Sue and Barry Cooper (by invitation)
August 13, Friday, 4:00 PM	'Sconset Architectural Walk with Michael May, executive director of the Nantucket Preservation Trust
August 16, Monday, 8:30 AM	Invasive/Native Plant Species Walk with Bob Kennedy
August 16, Monday, 7:00 PM	'Sconset History Night (Casino)
August 19, Thursday	Great Point and Sankaty Tours
August 22, Sunday, 5:00 PM	Siasconset Union Chapel Picnic
September 9, Thursday	Great Point and Sankaty Tours
September 10, Friday, 4:00 PM	'Sconset Architectural Walk with Michael May, executive director of the Nantucket Preservation Trust
September 23, Thursday	Great Point and Sankaty Tours

Neighborhood gatherings co-sponsored by the Trust and Civic Association will be scheduled during the summer

'Sconset Walks with Bob Kennedy Introducing Native and Invasive Species Walk

All tours are lead by Bob Kennedy on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and start in front of the Siasconset Casino.



Tours are \$25 per person and benefit both the Trust and the Maria Mitchell Association.

- July 5** 'Sconset Bird Walk Through the Village
- July 12** 'Sconset Geology Walk Below the Bluff
- July 19** Native/Invasive Plant Species of 'Sconset
- Aug. 2** 'Sconset Bird Walk Through Village
- Aug. 9** 'Sconset Geology Walk Below the Bluff
- Aug. 16** Native/Invasive Plant Species of 'Sconset



It is with deep gratitude and a sense of sadness that we say good-bye to **Bob Kennedy** of the Maria Mitchell Association as he heads back to New Hampshire this fall. The 'Sconset Trust has been fortunate to have Bob lead his popular educational walks through 'Sconset for one more summer. This summer we are adding a new set of walking tours with a focus on native and invasive plant species of 'Sconset. As an extra attraction, we will visit a number of Trust property holdings and learn about friendly and not so friendly flora of 'Sconset.

Preservation Report

May 2010—Preservation Month with 'Sconset Architectural Tours

'Sconset Trust held its annual architectural open house tours in conjunction with the Sankaty Lighthouse Open Day tour on Sunday, May 23rd. Approximately 60 to 70 people had a chance to view two historically significant homes located on Baxter Road. Sonsie and Willard Overlock, with the help of their son Bo, opened up 18 Baxter Road which was the life saving station on 'Sconset beach prior to being moved up the bluff to its current location where it was converted to a family home. Barbara Currier very generously opened her family home at 12 Baxter Road. This home is a beautiful rambling Victorian with a great architectural history. **Thank you to volunteer docents:** Carol Benchley, Ginny Chambers, Caroline Ellis, Linda Hale, Steven & Eleanor Roethke, Dot Vollans and Mimi Young.

Please note of special note: on the afternoon of Saturday, July 31st, the 'Sconset Trust will sponsor

a lecture by **Myrick Howard**, Executive Director of Preservation North Carolina and a nationally recognized leader in historic preservation. We are very fortunate to hear him speak on the importance of historic preservation. See a separate notice in this newsletter.

On Monday, August 16th, the second annual **Sconset History Night** will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Casino. NHA Research Fellow Betsy Tyler and NHA Chief Curator Ben Simons will present an overview of the 'Sconset Actors Colony. See back page for more information.

Please feel free to call Kathy Arvay, chair of the Preservation Committee, if you have an interest in serving on the committee or with inquiries about historic easements at (508) 257-4170.

—Submitted by Kathy Arvay



Myrick Howard to speak in 'Sconset on July 31st *Noted preservationist to discuss the importance of historic preservation in 'Sconset*

Please join the 'Sconset Trust at the Siasconset Union Chapel on July 31st at 10:30 a.m. for a lecture and questions and answer session with one of the US's top historic preservationists.

Myrick Howard serves as president of Preservation North Carolina and has led the statewide membership organization for 30 years. He attended Brown University and UNC Chapel Hill, where he received a master's

degree in city planning and a law degree in 1978. The author of *Buying Time for Heritage*, Howard has taught preservation classes at the University of North Carolina Charlotte for more than 20 years and was recently made an honorary member of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (A.I.A.) for his work in historic preservation.

New Lighthouse Fence Installed

See article on page 6.



A NIGHT *under the* LIGHT

Sunday, July 18, 2010

6:30 P.M. at SANKATY HEAD GOLF CLUB

Cocktails · Spanky's Raw Bar · Silent Auction · smart car Raffle



*Drawing
July 18, 2010*

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Open oval lightship basket measuring 7 1/2"
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Lighthouse Tour with Trustees of the Reservations and
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September 2010

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Luxury hotel and spa, rated by Andrew Harper
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Susan Ried Painting

Framed watercolor view of the village of 'Sconset
and Sankaty Light

Portrait shoot

Portrait session with photographer Ron Lynch

Dinner for 10 catered at your home

by the 'Sconset Trust Board members. We provide the
fixins, prepare and serve a special dinner for you and
your friends/family.

Sankaty at Night with Big Dipper

one of a kind mounted, oversized photograph
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Round of Golf at

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Nantucket's production of *The 25th Annual
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Sankaty Head Lighthouse Update



Lighthouse Open Day a success, new perimeter property fence installed

Despite a blanket of fog, more than 150 people climbed to the top of the lighthouse on the May 23rd Open Day. The four newly installed interpretive signs at the site were well received. They depict and describe the history of the lighthouse, the light keepers and their houses, the geology of Sankaty Head and the shipwreck of the *H.P. Kirkham*. **The next Open Day will be during Columbus Day Weekend.** Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with the Open Day, please contact the Trust office.

Rick Lohr, President of International Chimney, Inc. visited the lighthouse on June 14th to make a post-move inspection. Two years and eight months after the move, the lighthouse is in remarkably good condition. Minor repairs will be made by local contractors. A higher perimeter fence had to be installed to prevent visitors from risking their lives by climbing the existing fence to stand on the edge of the concave bluff.

Knowledgeable guides will provide binoculars and assist in identifying birds, seals, and plant life en route to and from Great Point.

—Submitted by Penny Scheerer, Lighthouse Committee Chair

Two Out of Three LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

Join us for an escorted sunset tour including trips to the top of Great Point Light and Sankaty Head Lighthouse

Tour Dates:

All tours are on Thursdays

July 8 at 5 p.m.

July 22 at 5 p.m.

Aug. 5 at 5 p.m.

Aug. 19 at 5 p.m.

September 9 at 4 p.m.

September 23 at 4 p.m.

The 'Sconset Trust and the Trustees of the Reservations invite you to sign up for one of our inaugural season's van tours to two of Nantucket's three lighthouses. Tours last 3 to 3.5 hours and start at the Wauwinet Gatehouse parking lot. Plan to be there 10 minutes before departure times.

\$40 for members of the Trust or Trustees of the Reservations, \$50 for non-members and \$15 for children, must be 12 or older

To make reservations or for more information, please contact the Trustees of the Reservations at the Wauwinet Gatehouse at (508) 228-0006.



A NIGHT under the LIGHT

*The 'Sconset Trust wishes
to thank the following
for making the event possible:*

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Event Committee: Marcella Zimmerman, Joe Hale, Patti Brown,
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Blackberry Farm	Flowers on Chestnut
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Penny Scheerer & John Schwanbeck	Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum
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Thanks to our VOLUNTEERS

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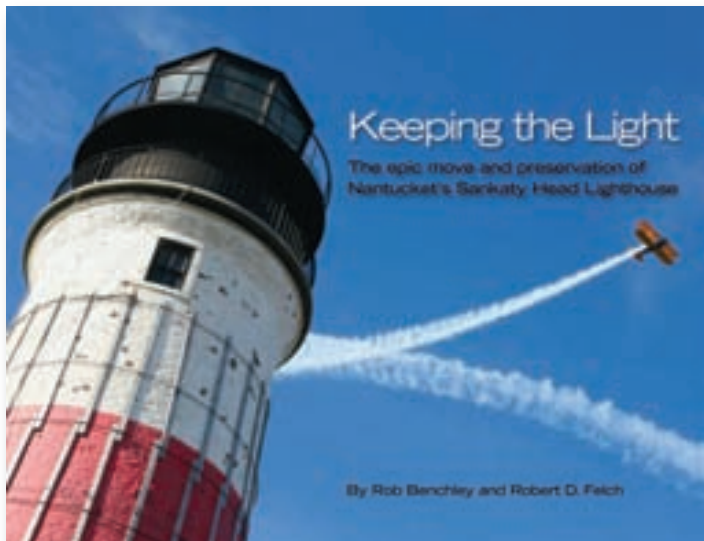
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Events

'Sconset Trust Young Associates Join us on July 17, 2010

The Young Associates of the 'Sconset Trust plan to kick off the summer season on Saturday, July 17th with a trip to the top of Sankaty Lighthouse, followed by a light brunch at the MacKay's home on Baxter Road. The Sankaty Lighthouse tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. and brunch will conclude by 12:30 p.m. The Young Associates program was formed by and for members of the ST ages 21-35.

If you are interested in becoming involved or attending the event, please contact Laurel Langworthy or Kendall Brown, the co-heads of the Young Associates program at sconsettrustyoungassociates@gmail.com.



The Sconset Trust Young Associates are now on Facebook!
We have created a page titled 'Sconset Trust Young Associates.' Become a fan so we can keep you updated on upcoming events and activities.

SECOND ANNUAL

'Sconset History Night

Monday, August 16th, 7 p.m.
at the Casino

NHA Research Fellow Betsy Tyler and NHA Chief Curator Ben Simons will present an overview of the 'Sconset Actors Colony with highlights of images and readings from the ongoing NHA/'Sconset Historical Research Group project to produce a book-length, authoritative history of the Actors Colony for 2011 publication.

Join us!